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Group Art Unit: 1763

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Sir:

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed February 29, 2000. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following remarks are courteously requested.

Claims 12 to 14, and 16 to 27 are currently pending for the Examiner's consideration. For the Examiner's convenience, all of the pending claims are presented in their present form in an Appendix to the Response. No claims are amended, added, or canceled.

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Claim 12, 21 to 22, and 27 stand rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,693,239, issued to Wang et al. ("Wang"). As basis for the rejection, the Examiner asserts that Wang discloses polishing a work piece by applying

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*15	MINUS	**20	=0	x \$9 \$18	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	*4	MINUS	***4	=0	x \$39 \$78	0
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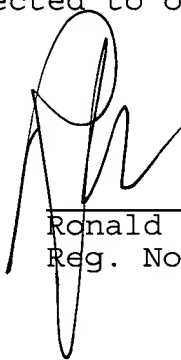
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- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone in our Washington D.C. Office at
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